Thriving
Is *Elegant*

Words of Inspiration from MAYA ANGELOU

To Sue,

From Liz

The past is done
the future is not here yet –
TODAY is your eternity
— Oprah Winfrey

Always,
I hope to grow
        brighter, funnier,

I hope to learn to be
        even more well-rounded.

But right now,
        I cannot be any better
                than I am.

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I would like
to be known
as an intelligent woman,
a courageous woman,
a loving woman,
a woman who teaches
by being.

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To have *courage*

is not only

admirable,

it is
inspirational.

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*Each of us has the right
                and responsibility
to assess the roads which lie ahead
and those over which we have traveled,
            and if the future road
looms ominous or unpromising
and the roads back uninviting,
then we need to gather our resolve and
carrying only the necessary baggage
            step off that road
                        into another
                              direction*

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I like the person

I am becoming.

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Content
is of great importance,

but we must not
underestimate
the value
of style.

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Someone was here before you,
lost before you,
ignored before you,
and yet, *miraculously*,
someone has survived
with passion,
compassion,
and humor
and style.

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I am not competing
with anyone
other than myself.

I want to be *excellent*
at whatever I do.

Each of us must
care enough
for ourselves
to be *ready* and *able*
to come to our own
self-defense.

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I don't ask anyone
    to win my freedom
or to fight
    my battles
    better than I can.

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Life
doesn't frighten me at all

Not at all

Not at all

Life doesn't

frighten me at all.

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I've heard it said
that winter,
too, will pass
and spring a sign
that summer
is due at last

*See, all we have to do
is hang on*

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You can
neither
free me
nor bind me.

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I think a hero
    is any person
really intent
    on making this
a better place
    for all people.

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There is
    something
gracious
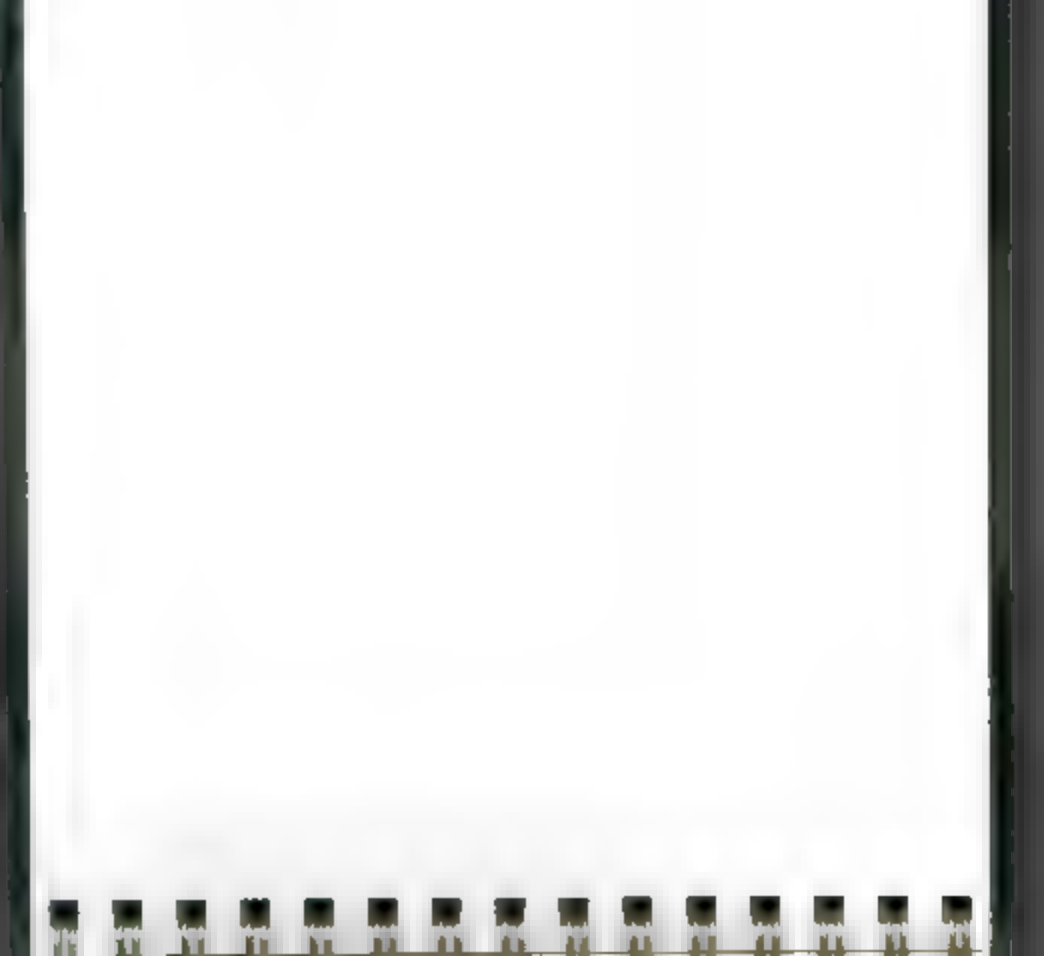   and *graceful*
about serving

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There is no argument
that we humans,
who *at our best*
can create opportunities
and at our worst
can create havoc.
need time to rest.

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In the course
of staying alive,
I always love to hear people laugh
I never trust people
who don't laugh
or who act as if they put airplane glue
on the back of their hands and
stuck them to their foreheads.

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In order to survive,
   the *ample soul*
needs refreshments
   and reminders daily
of its right to be
   and to be
   wherever it finds itself

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A city soul can find
sweet relief
in the country
A country soul can find
welcome excitement
in the city
We can all be happier
if we open ourselves
to new experiences

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Shine on me,
   sunshine
Rain on me, rain
Fall softly, dewdrops,
   and cool
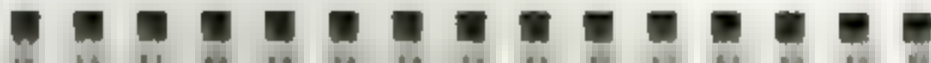   my brow again

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When we step away for a time,
        we are not being irresponsible
we are preparing ourselves
to better perform
        our duties and obligations

Sometimes when we step away
        we return to find
        that important questions
        have been answered
                in our absence

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My grandmother
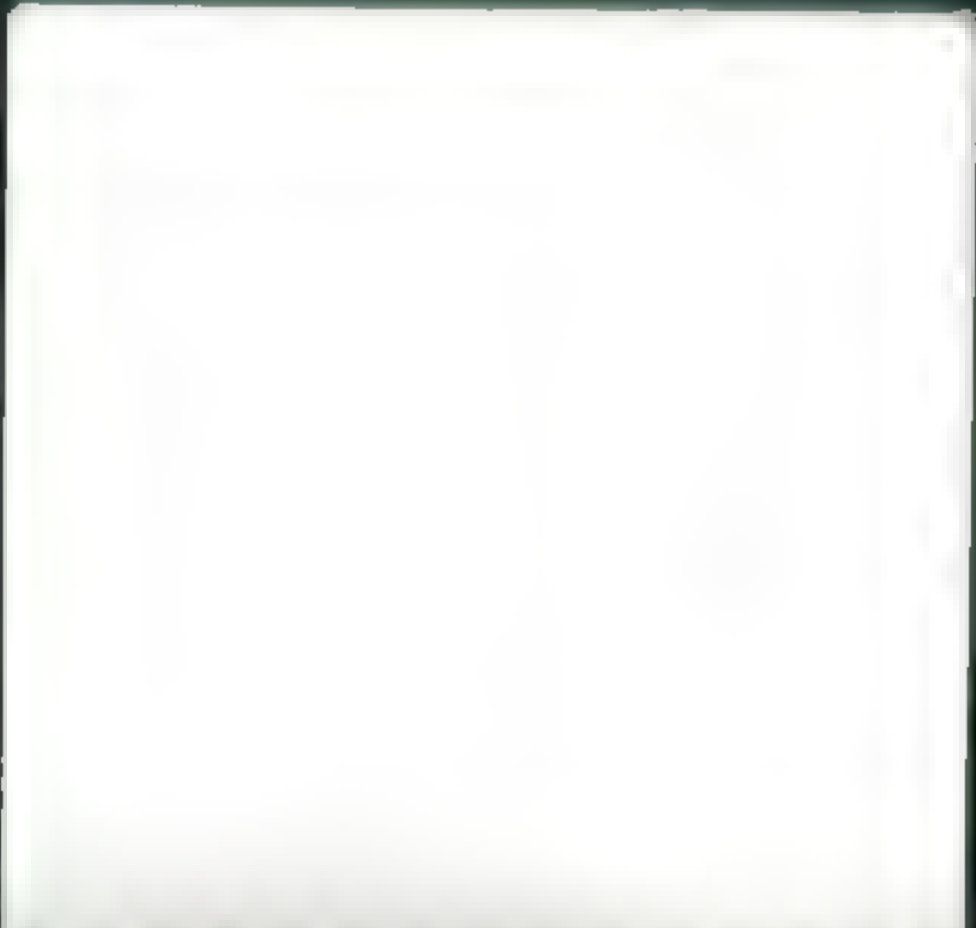   used to say,

"When you don't like a thing,
    change it.

If you can't change it,
    change the way
    you think about it"

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Self-control
is *true power.*

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Strong women –
  precious jewels all –

their humanness is evident
      in their accessibility

We are able to enter
        into the *spirit*
  of these women
and rejoice in their warmth
        and courage.

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The woman warrior
who is armed
with *wit*
and *courage*
will be among the first
to celebrate
victory.

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Our elders—
their smiles assure
and reassure,
"Life is worth the living of it.
Do it with your
whole heart"

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To those
who have given up
on love,

I say,
"Trust life a little bit."

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Living life
as *art*
requires a *readiness*
to
forgive.

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Since life
is our most precious gift
let us be certain that it is dedicated
to the liberation
of the human mind and spirit
beginning with
our own.

MAYA ANGELOU

When people show you
who they are,
Believe them.
The first time.

— Maya Angelou —

* WHEN SUCCESS TURNS YOUR HEAD
  YOU'RE FACING FAILURE.

* A CLEAR CONSCIENCE IS A
  SOFT PILLOW.

- I've learned that you shouldn't go
  through life with a catcher's mitt
  on both hands, you need to be
  able to throw something back
                    - Maya Angelou -

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